

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/624,552	HIGUCHI, MITSUO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Harry A. Grosso	3727	

All Participants:

Status of Application: Allowed

(1) Harry A. Grosso.

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(2) Juan Carlos A. Marquez.

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Date of Interview: 7 June 2006

Time: 9 AM

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

1-4

Prior art documents discussed:

Higuchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,669,040)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The amendment filed March 23, 2006 was discussed. Amended claims 1-4 were discussed. Agreement was reached to delete "to provide a bent and" from claim 1, line 10, claim 2, line 11, claim 3, line 12 and claim 4, line 12. Agreement was reached to delete "the bent, and" in claim 1, line 13, claim 2, line 14, claim 3, line 15. In claim 4, line 15 "the bent," will be deleted. In claim 1, line 14, claim 2, line 15, claim 3, line 17 and claim 4, line 17 "a" will be changed to "an". In the specification for this application the term "diameter" will be replaced by the term "radius" in all instances where it refers to dimensions d, d1, d2 and d3. Examiner Grosso also confirmed that, as a result of the amendment, this application is subject to an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,040. Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 to overcome the double patenting rejection.